

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 367
By Kurita

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Eric Edens, 2003 Co-Valedictorian of Harpeth High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Eric Edens is one such exceptional student who was recently named Co-Valedictorian of the 2003 graduating class at Harpeth High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Edens has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Eric Edens has earned an exemplary grade point average; and

WHEREAS, an extremely talented and well-rounded young man, Mr. Edens has served as President of the National Honor Society during his senior year and is a three-year member of this worthy organization; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Eric has served with distinction as a Delegate to American Legion Boys State and as the 12th Grade's Student Council Representative and was voted "Most Dependable" by his senior classmates; and

WHEREAS, he has also received Grand and State Recognition for the ACT test given at Duke University, has been honored as a PSAT National Merit Scholarship-Commended Student, and has received The Harvard Prize Book Award; and

WHEREAS, a gifted athlete and a two-year member of Harpeth's varsity soccer team, Eric is also a six-year member of the school's band, serving as Band Vice President during his senior year after having been twice named to the All-County Band; and

WHEREAS, Eric's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success, particularly as he enters the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in the fall; he has received the University of Tennessee Bicentennial Scholarship and the University of Tennessee Alumni Valedictorian Scholarship to assist in his studies; and

WHEREAS, this stellar scholar posted perfect attendance from kindergarten through his senior year in high school and attained his Black Belt in Karate in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Edens' noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Eric Edens' dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2003 Harpeth High School Co-Valedictorian, Eric Edens, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.